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Daniel F. Bischof, et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/004,696 )  
Filed: December 5, 2001 )  
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No inference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention. Also, the citation of the above-discussed documents is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in

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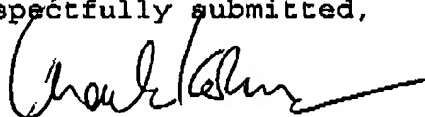
By this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants request that pending Application Serial Nos. 10/008,361 and 10/741,583 be considered and made of record in this application. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/008,361 was filed on the same day as the present application and includes as inventors the inventors named in the present application. The application is likewise assigned to Baxter International Inc., the assignee of the present application. It is pending before Examiner Patricia Bianco in Group 3762.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/741,583 is a continuation-in-part of the above discussed Application Serial

No. 10/008,361. It was filed on December 19, 2003 and names as one of several inventors, Daniel Bischof, who is a named inventor of the present application. The application is likewise assigned to Baxter International Inc., the assignee of the present application. It is pending in Group 3762. The responsible Examiner is not known.

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action. Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$180.00 to Deposit Account Number 50/1039.

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